NOTE XI.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF THE LONGICORN GENUS MELANAUSTER, THOMS.

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Melanauster Medenbachii, sp. n. ♀.

Length 36—40 mm. — Black, with steel-blue elytra; body and legs covered with a grey pubescence, which is interrupted on the elytra so as to form four transverse regular bands; moreover the space between the eyes and mandibles, the hinder portion of the pronotum and the shoulders and extreme base of the elytra are naked; the antennae ringed with a grey pubescence on the base of the 3rd and following joints.

The head and the prothorax very sparingly punctured, the former provided with a smooth line extending from the anterior margin of the clypeus up to the prothorax, the latter with three transverse grooves, one anteriorly, the two others near the base and preceded by a post-median rather indistinct tubercle. The lateral thoracical spines straight, strong and acute. The scutellum broadly rounded at the apex.

The base of the elytra is provided with granules, which are gradually replaced by punctures becoming less and less marked towards the apex; the granules are very rare near the scutellum, but very densely set and large on the shoul-

ders which are distinctly prominent; moreover the granules form two longitudinal rows, a very short one between the scutellum and the shoulders, and another which reaches the hinder margin of the first naked band on the inside of the shoulders.

The under surface and legs finely punctured.

A single specimen of which the habitat is unknown was presented to the Museum by the late Mr. A. B. van Medenbach de Rooy. I therefore attach his name to the species. Another female example is in the Collections of the Amsterdam Zoological Garden, and of this specimen the locality is likewise unknown.

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